

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1-18. (CANCELED)

19. (Currently Amended) A bale lift device comprising:

- (a) a back frame having a first end and a second end, and being constructed for attachment to a loader arm and to a hydraulic cylinder attached to the loader arm;
- (b) a stabilizing member and a plurality of teeth extending from the stabilizing member, and wherein the plurality of teeth are constructed for spearing a bale; and
- (c) a rotation axis attached to the back frame and the stabilizing member to allow rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member as a result of extending or retracting the hydraulic cylinder attached to the loader arm so that when the bale lift device holds a bale and the hydraulic cylinder extends, the back frame first end pushes against the bale as a result of rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member.

20. (Previously Presented) A bale lift device according to claim 19, wherein the back frame first end comprises a first end stabilizing member, and the back frame second end comprises a back frame second end stabilizing member.

21. (Previously Presented) A bale lift device according to claim 20, wherein the back frame further comprises back frame extensions for holding the first end stabilizing member and the second end stabilizing member in place.

22. (Currently Amended) A front end loader comprising:

- a pair of hydraulic cylinders and a pair of loader arms;
- a bale lift device attached to the pair of hydraulic cylinders and the pair of loader arms, wherein the bale lift device comprises:

- (a) a back frame having a first end and a second end, and being constructed for attachment to ~~[[a]] the pair of loader arms arm~~ and to ~~[[a]] the pair of hydraulic cylinders~~ ~~eylinder~~ attached to the loader arm;
- (b) a stabilizing member and a plurality of teeth extending from the stabilizing member, and wherein the plurality of teeth are constructed for spearing a bale; and
- (c) a rotation axis attached to the back frame and the stabilizing member to allow rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member as a result of extending or retracting the pair of hydraulic cylinders attached to the pair of loader arms so that when the bale lift device holds a bale and the pair of hydraulic cylinders extend, the back frame first end pushes against the bale as a result of rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member.

23. (Previously Presented) A front end loader according to claim 22, further comprising a quick attachment device having a first member and a second member provided for rapid attachment and detachment, the first member being attached to the bale lift device and the second member being attached to the pair of hydraulic cylinders and the pair of loader arms.

24. (Previously Presented) A bale lift device according to claim 22, wherein the back frame first end comprises a first end stabilizing member, and the back frame second end comprises a back frame second end stabilizing member.

25. (Previously Presented) A bale lift device according to claim 24, wherein the back frame further comprises back frame extensions for holding the first end stabilizing member and the second end stabilizing member in place.

26. (Currently Amended) A method for transporting a bale, the method comprising:  
engaging a bale with a bale lift device provided on a front end loader of a tractor, wherein the front end loader has left and right attachment hydraulic cylinders and left and right loader arms, and the bale lift device is attached to the left and right attachment hydraulic cylinders and the left and right loader arms, the bale lift device comprising:

(a) a back frame having a first end and a second end, and being constructed for attachment to ~~[[a]] the left and right loader arms arm~~ and to ~~[[a]] the left and right hydraulic cylinders cylinder~~ attached to the ~~left and right loader arm~~ arms;

(b) a stabilizing member and a plurality of teeth extending from the stabilizing member, and wherein the plurality of teeth are constructed for spearing a bale;

(c) a rotation axis attached to the back frame and the stabilizing member to allow rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member as a result of extending or retracting the pair of hydraulic cylinders attached to the left and right loader arms so that when the bale lift device holds a bale and the left and right attachment cylinders extend, the back frame first end pushes against the bale as a result of rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member; and

moving the bale to a new location.

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 26, further comprising a step of disengaging the bale from the bale lift device.

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 27, wherein the step of disengaging comprises extending the left and right hydraulic cylinders to cause the back frame and the plurality of teeth to rotate relative to each other.

29. (Currently Amended) A ~~bale lift device~~ method according to claim 26, wherein the back frame first end comprises a first end stabilizing member, and the back frame second end comprises a back frame second end stabilizing member.

30. (Currently Amended) A ~~bale lift device~~ method according to claim 26, wherein the back frame further comprises back frame extensions for holding the first end stabilizing member and the second end stabilizing member in place.

**Support for Amendment:**

Independent claims 19, 22, and 26 are amended to more clearly identify that the rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member is a result of extending or retracting the hydraulic cylinder attached to the loader arm. In addition, the independent claims are amended to more clearly reflect that when the bale lift device holds a bale and the hydraulic cylinder extends, the back frame first end pushes against the bale as a result of rotation of the back frame relative to the stabilizing member. This amendment to the independent claims is supported by the specification at, for example, page 5, line 28 through page 6, line 23.

Independent claim 22 and independent claim 26 are amended to clarify antecedent by referring to the back frame being "constructed for attachment to the left and right loader arms and to the left and right attachment cylinders attached to the left and right loader arms."

Dependent claims 29 and 30 are amended so that they are directed at a method that is consistent with independent claim 26 from which they depend.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 19-30 are active in this application.